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PRESIDENTIAL ADVISORS

¶1. (SBU) The Presidential Office announced 3/15 a major reshuffle of the Presidential Administration, including the naming of Mihai Stanisoara as National Security Advisor; Sebastian LazaroIU as the head of a reorganized Political Planning department; Cristian Preda as Presidential Advisor for Education and Research; and Bjujor Bogdan TeodorIU as Presidential Advisor for Economics. Biographic sketches of the four new Presidential Advisors follow:

Mihail Stanisoara

¶2. (SBU) Mihai Stanisoara replaces General Sergiu Medar (who is reportedly retiring for health reasons) as National Security Advisor. Stanisoara has presided over the Chamber of Deputies Defense Committee since December 2004. He is a member of the PD,s National Standing Bureau-)e.g., the top executive party body--having been elected one of the party,s executive secretaries in May 2005. Stanisoara began his parliamentary career in 2000, and was reelected from the same constituency in Mehedinti county, South-East Romania in 2004. He served in as a member and subsequently president of the foreign policy committee and concurrently as head of the delegation to the OSCE Parliamentary Assembly and as a member of the Romanian Delegation to the NATO Parliamentary Assembly. Stanisoara was also the general secretary of the Ministry of Defense for a brief period in early 2000 (note: he served under then-defense minister Sorin Frunzaverde, who resumed the MOD portfolio in late 2006.)

¶3. (SBU) Between 1992 and 1999, Stanisoara served as the general secretary and subsequently as president of the Mehedinti Chamber of Trade and Industry. Before 1989, he was an engineer in Turnu Severin (Mehedinti county) and Timisoara, and a teaching assistant at the Timisoara Technical University. Stanisoara graduated from the Polytechnic Institute of Timisoara in 1986, and subsequently obtained a PhD in technical sciences from the same institute in 2003. Stanisoara also attended the NATO College in Rome (2006), the Superior College of National Security (2005) and the Defense College in Bucharest (2001). He is currently enrolled in a doctoral program at the Bucharest-based Police Academy in the field of public order and national security. Mihai Stanisoara is 45, is married, has two children and speaks excellent English.

Sebastian LazaroIU

¶4. (SBU) Sebastian LazaroIU until recently was Managing Director of the Center for Urban and Regional Sociology

(CURS), one of the leading polling institutes in Romania. He is also lecturer at the National School of Political Studies and Public Administration. Between 1999-2000, Lazaroiu was Research Director at the Center for Marketing Studies and Polls (CSOP-TNS), a partner of Gallup International. His educational background includes coursework in Quantitative Methods of Social Research at the Inter-University Consortium for Political and Social Research at the University of Michigan.

Cristian Preda

15. (SBU) The appointment of Cristian Preda, the former Dean of the Political Science Department at the University of Bucharest, as Presidential Advisor for Education and Research fills a long-vacant position created in July 2006 when two new departments were created in the Presidential Administration, including the Department for Public Health and the Department for Education and Research. Preda was formerly the MFA's deputy Minister for Francophony. Preda, 41, does not have any known political party affiliation.

Bujor-Bogdan Teodoriu

16. (SBU) Bujor-Bogdan Teodoriu replaces Theodor Stolojan as State Counselor and head of the Economic Department in the Presidential Administration. Stolojan resigned last year following his decision to reenter party politics (note: he was in the vanguard of a group of PNL leaders who left the party to form a new breakaway Liberal Democratic Party closely aligned with President Basescu.) Teodoriu served as Minister of Research and Technology from 1996-98, and subsequently served in a variety of positions as both a member of parliament or deputy minister in various

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governments. Teodoriu, 54, is a longtime member of the Democratic Party.
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